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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 867
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Mrs. Christine Hopkins on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Christine Hopkins is one such estimable person who has served with integrity and probity for 32 years as an employee of the State of Tennessee; she has ably represented this great state in several capacities and has also made many voluntary contributions to the business communities of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Christine Hopkins was born the daughter of Bill and Nancy Luna on August 28, 1935, in Silver Point, Dekalb County; she was raised with her two brothers, William Eugene and Bill and attended Decherd Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, she graduated from Franklin County High School in 1954 and then worked at a local factory in Franklin County; and

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WHEREAS, a compassionate and selfless woman, Christine Hopkins was next employed as a social worker for the Franklin Board of Education; she then began taking classes at Motlow State Community College, while holding down a full time job and being busily employed as a wife and mother; and

WHEREAS, this self-motivated and persevering individual attended to school at night and on Saturdays to earn an Associate of Science degree from Motlow State, and her Bachelor of Science and Master's degrees from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, she began her meritorious career with state government as a Counselor in the Manchester, Tennessee Vocational Rehabilitation Office; and

WHEREAS, she was honored as the State, Regional, and National "Counselor of the Year" in 1985 for her dedication and meritorious service to persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, an astute leader and consummate professional, Mrs. Hopkins presently serves as the Director for all nineteen Tennessee Vocational Training Centers; having served with distinction in this esteemed position, she will retire on October 27, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hopkins is an active and important part of the community and her profession; she participates in numerous civic organizations, including Contact Lifeline, and is a valuable member of the Tim's Ford Council, and the local Tennessee Workforce Development Board; and

WHEREAS, endeavoring to lead a Christian life, Mrs. Hopkins is a devout member of the First United Methodist Church in Winchester, where she has previously served as a Sunday school teacher and presently performs mission work; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hopkins exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Christine Hopkins feels fortunate to share love and companionship with her husband, Roy Hopkins, who she married on February 26, 1955; and

WHEREAS, she is the proud mother of two children, Theresa Hopkins Cates and Roy Allen Hopkins; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Christine Hopkins has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivates others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her peers and superiors alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Christine Hopkins upon her loyal and dedicated service to the people of Tennessee and extend to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.